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SIVANA SAVES CAPTAIN MARVEL

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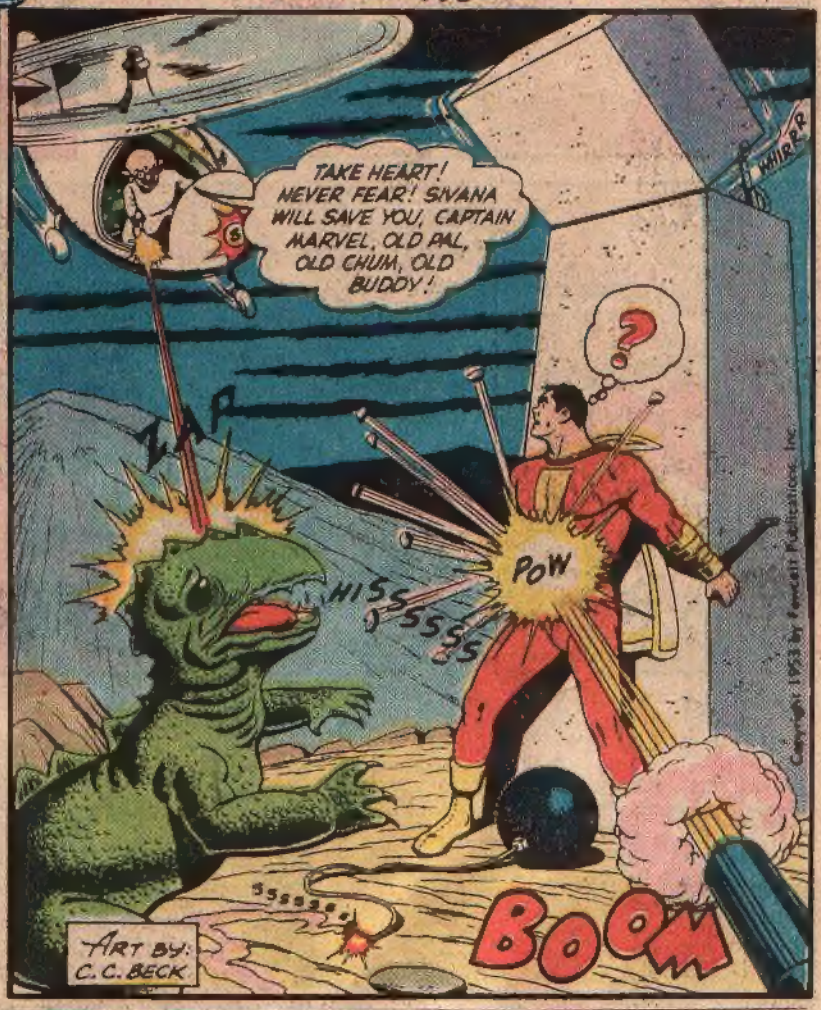

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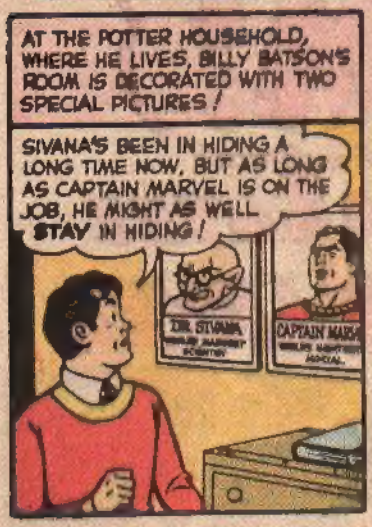

AT THE POTTER HOUSEHOLD, WHERE HE LIVES, BILLY BATSON'S ROOM IS DECORATED WITH TWO SPECIAL PICTURES!
SIVANA'S BEEN IN HIDING A LONG TIME NOW. BUT AS LONG AS CAPTAIN MARVEL IS ON THE JOB, HE MIGHT AS WELL STAY IN HIDING!
DR. SIVANA
CAPTAIN MARVEL

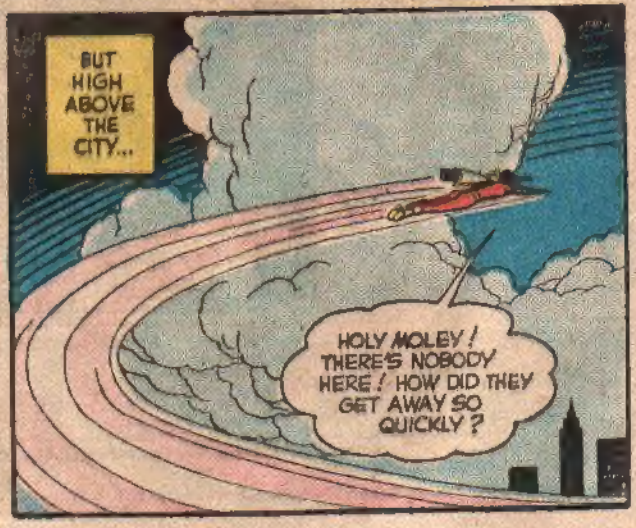
LATER, AS BILLY DOES SOME SHOPPING FOR MRS. POTTER...
HELLO, MR. GRUNBOCK! I'LL HAVE SOME ORANGES AND--HEY! WHAT'S WRONG, MR. GRUNBOCK?
I...I FEEL FUNNY!

THE NEXT INSTANT, BILLY STARES IN HORROR AT THE SPOT WHERE THE GROCER STOOD!
HOLY MOLEY! HE TURNED INTO A HEAP OF DUST! SOME HORRIBLE RAY FROM THE SKY DID IT AND IT'S COMING TOWARD ME...
SHAZAM!

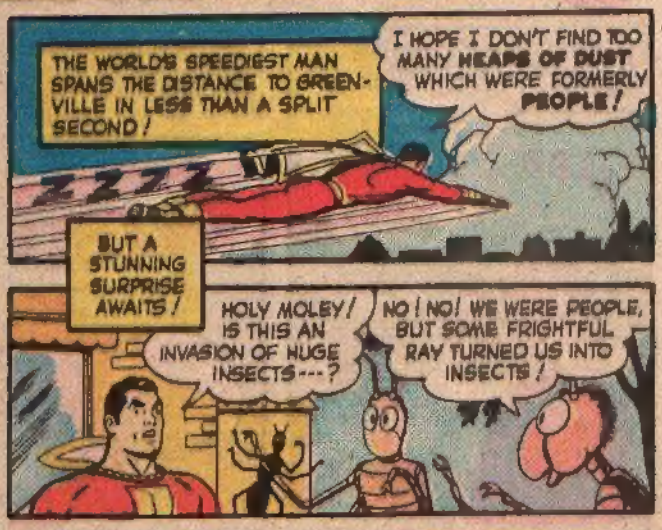
IN RESPONSE TO BILLY'S SECRET WORD, MAGIC LIGHTNING BLASTS DOWN, CHANGING HIM INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF FAMED CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOM

NO FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE CAN HARM THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
ZAP

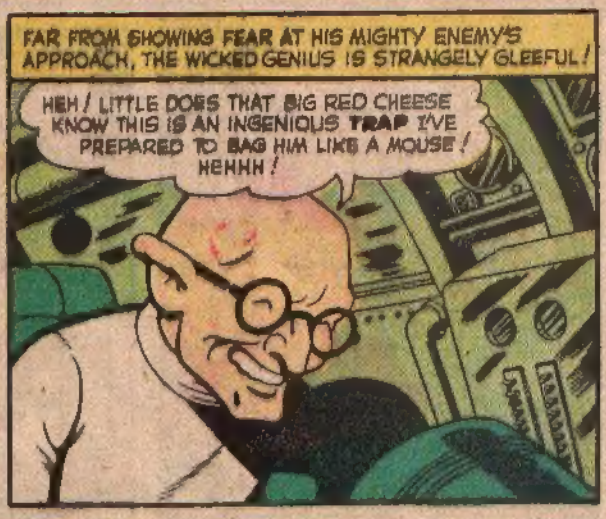
BUT OTHERS NEARBY ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE!
MORE PEOPLE TURNING TO DUST! THIS LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL HORROR WEAPON INVENTED BY THE MOST EVIL GENIUS ON EARTH... SIVANA!
OHH!
AGGH!

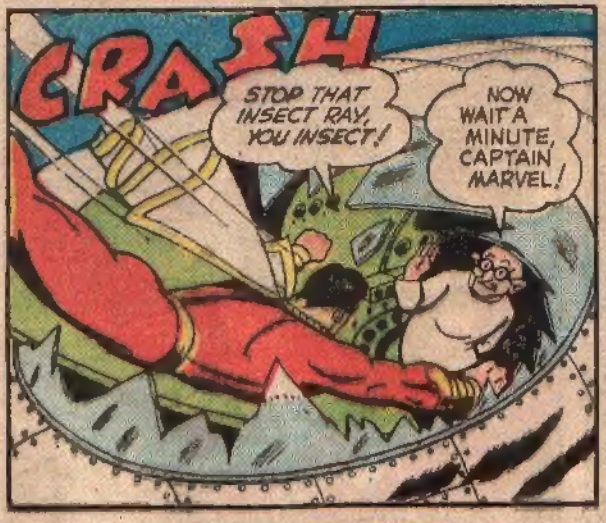

BUT HIGH ABOVE THE CITY...
HOLY MOLEY! THERE'S NOBODY HERE! HOW DID THEY GET AWAY SO QUICKLY?

LATER, AT STATION WHIZ ....
I'LL KEEP VIGIL HERE AT THE LISTENING POST! IF SIVANA STRIKES AGAIN... AHA!
SOS! GREENVILLE CALLING! SOME STRANGE RAY IS SHINING DOWN AT OUR TOWN FROM THE SKY, CREATING HAVOC! HELP!


THE WORLD'S SPEEDIEST MAN SPANS THE DISTANCE TO GREENVILLE IN LESS THAN A SPLIT SECOND!
I HOPE I DON'T FIND TOO MANY HEAPS OF DUST WHICH WERE FORMERLY PEOPLE!
BUT A STUNNING SURPRISE AWAITS!
HOLY MOLEY! IS THIS AN INVASION OF HUGE INSECTS---?
NO! NO! WE WERE PEOPLE, BUT SOME FRIGHTFUL RAY TURNED US INTO INSECTS!

HEH HEH! CAPTAIN MARVEL'S AFTER ME, EH?
THAT HEARTLESS FIEND! SIVANA HAS AN INSECT RAY AS WELL AS A DUST RAY! I'LL NAB HIM THIS TIME!


FAR FROM SHOWING FEAR AT HIS MIGHTY ENEMY'S APPROACH, THE WICKED GENIUS IS STRANGELY GLEEFUL!
HEH! LITTLE DOES THAT BIG RED CHEESE KNOW THIS IS AN INGENIOUS TRAP I'VE PREPARED TO BAG HIM LIKE A MOUSE! HEHHH!


CRASH
STOP THAT INSECT RAY, YOU INSECT!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE, CAPTAIN MARVEL!

HAVE PITY ON A WEAK OLD MAN! I SURRENDER!
WHAT? YOU GIVE UP THIS EASY? H-HOLY M-M-MOLEY!

BUT CATCHING CAPTAIN MARVEL OFF GUARD, THE WILY SCIENTIST ACTS SWIFTLY!

ULP?

HEH! THAT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO SHOVE THIS LITTLE GADGET INTO YOUR MOUTH!

ACTUATED BY CAPTAIN MARVEL'S BREATH, THE DEVICE SOUNDS THE ONE WORD HE WOULD **LEAST** LIKE TO HEAR AT THIS MOMENT!

SHAZAM

HEH HEH!

THE MAGIC LIGHTNING BLASTS DOWN, CHANGING POWERFUL CAPTAIN MARVEL BACK INTO BILLY BATSON!

BOOM

HEH HEH! JUST AS I PLANNED, BILLY---JUST AS I PLANNED! **HEH HEHHH!**

BONG

UGG!

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HEHHH! LIVE ON, BILLY! YOUR COFFIN WILL CIRCLE EARTH NOW LIKE A LITTLE MOON! AND YOU CAN LOOK DOWN AND WATCH ME BECOME **KING OF EARTH!** HEH HEH HEH HEH HEHHHHHH!

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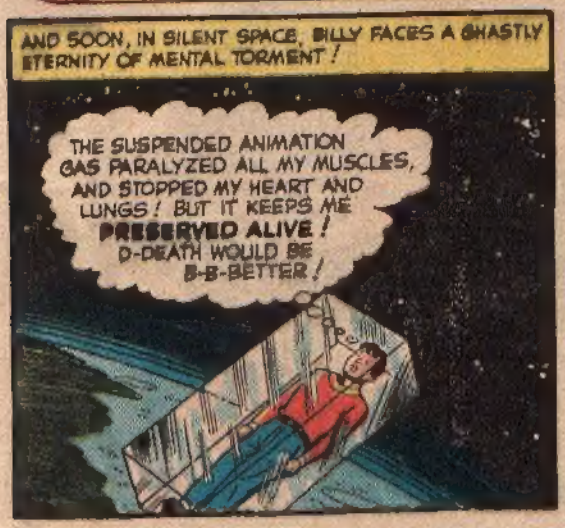
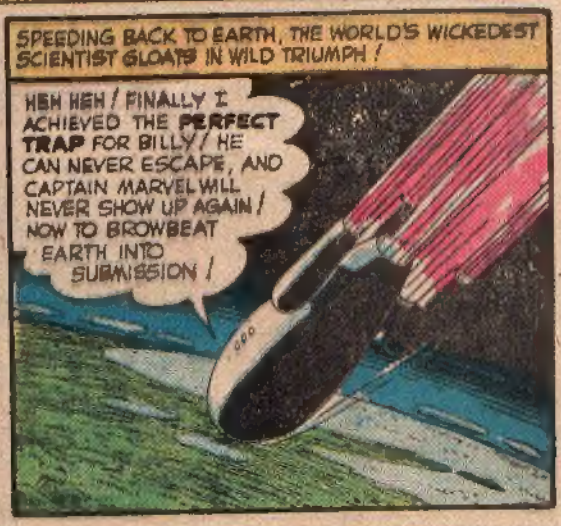
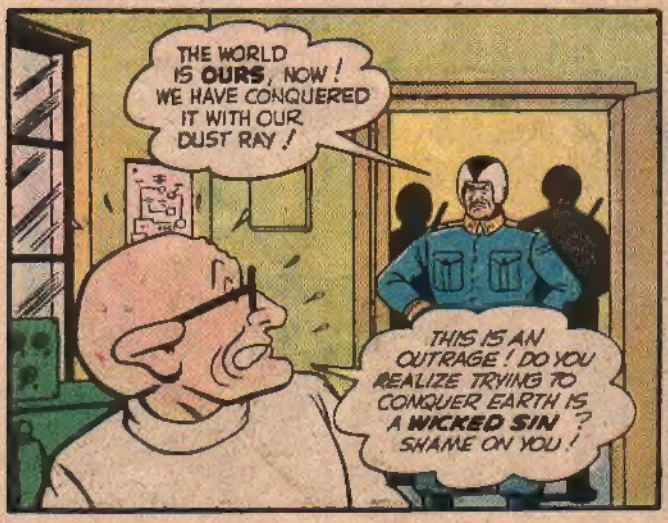
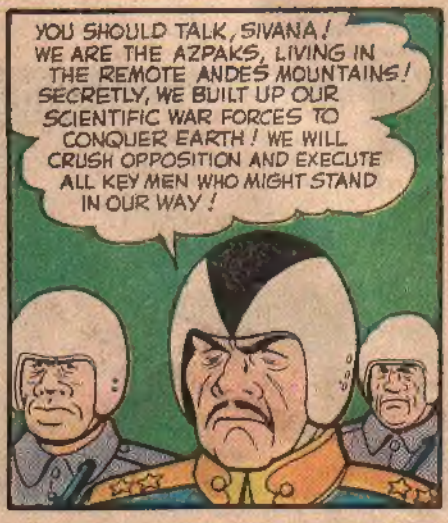

AND SOON, IN SILENT SPACE, BILLY FACES A GHASTLY ETERNITY OF MENTAL TORMENT!
THE SUSPENDED ANIMATION GAS PARALYZED ALL MY MUSCLES, AND STOPPED MY HEART AND LUNGS! BUT IT KEEPS ME PRESERVED ALIVE! D-DEATH WOULD BE B-B-BETTER!


SPEEDING BACK TO EARTH, THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST SCIENTIST GLOATS IN WILD TRIUMPH!
HEH HEH! FINALLY I ACHIEVED THE PERFECT TRAP FOR BILLY! HE CAN NEVER ESCAPE, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL NEVER SHOW UP AGAIN! NOW TO BROWBEAT EARTH INTO SUBMISSION!

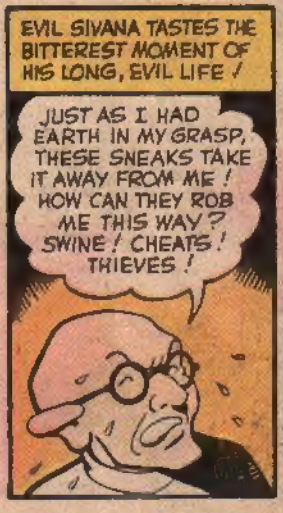
ATTENTION, U.N. DELEGATES! I'LL TURN ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH INTO BUGS--- UNLESS YOU CAPITULATE TO ME IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! BUT I SUPPOSE YOU'LL TRY TO RESIST ME, LIKE STUBBORN FOOLS...

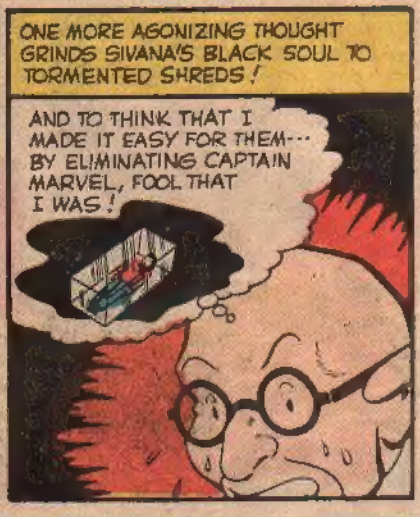
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE NEWS? SOME UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY IS SWEEPING EARTH WITH A HORRIBLE RAY THAT TURNS PEOPLE TO DUST! WE'RE HELPLESS AGAINST THEM! THE WORLD IS LOST!
DUST RAY SWEEPS EARTH


THE WORLD IS **OURS**, NOW! WE HAVE CONQUERED IT WITH OUR DUST RAY!
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! DO YOU REALIZE TRYING TO CONQUER EARTH IS A **WICKED SIN**? SHAME ON YOU!


YOU SHOULD TALK, SIVANA! WE ARE THE AZPAKS, LIVING IN THE REMOTE ANDES MOUNTAINS! SECRETLY, WE BUILT UP OUR SCIENTIFIC WAR FORCES TO CONQUER EARTH! WE WILL CRUSH OPPOSITION AND EXECUTE ALL KEY MEN WHO MIGHT STAND IN OUR WAY!

AND YOU, AS THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIST ON EARTH, ARE **NUMBER ONE ON OUR BLACK-LIST!**
YOU MEAN M-ME?

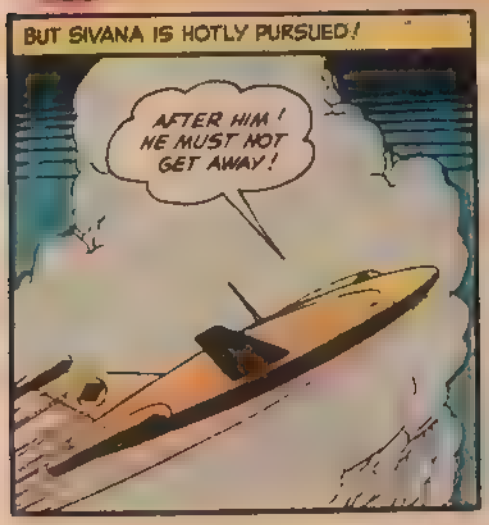

EVIL SIVANA TASTES THE BITTEREST MOMENT OF HIS LONG, EVIL LIFE!
JUST AS I HAD EARTH IN MY GRASP, THESE SNEAKS TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME! HOW CAN THEY ROB ME THIS WAY? SWINE! CHEATS! THIEVES!

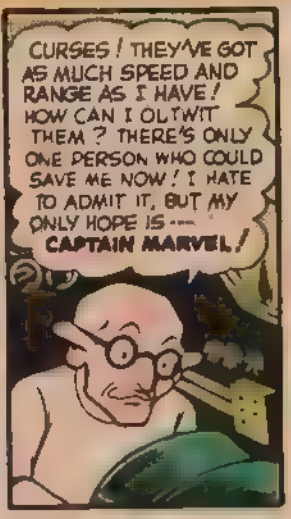

ONE MORE AGONIZING THOUGHT GRINDS SIVANA'S BLACK SOUL TO TORMENTED SHREDS!
AND TO THINK THAT I MADE IT EASY FOR THEM--- BY ELIMINATING CAPTAIN MARVEL, FOOL THAT I WAS!

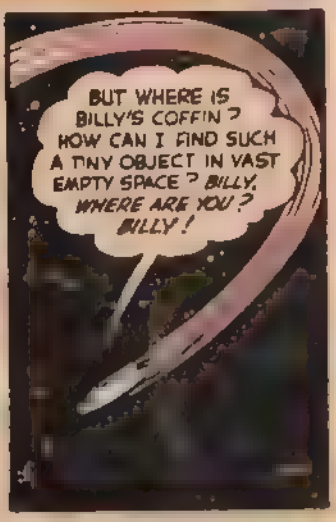
YOU ARE PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE TO US, SIVANA! PREPARE TO DIE!
PAH! THIS SECRET SMOKE PELLET CONCEALED IN MY TOOTH WILL COVER MY ESCAPE!
POOF

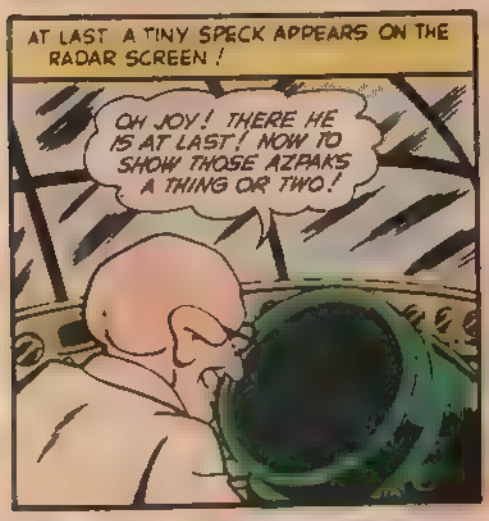
WITH HIS WILY RUSE, SIVANA REACHES HIS SKIP AND ROCKETS AWAY!
HEH HEH! DID THOSE CRUMBS THINK THEY COULD HOLD ME, AFTER ALL THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD ESCAPING FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL HIMSELF?
ROARRR

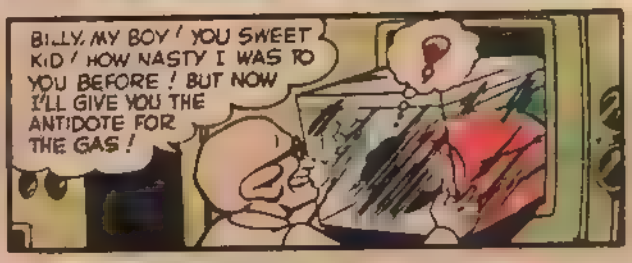
CAPTAIN MARVEL

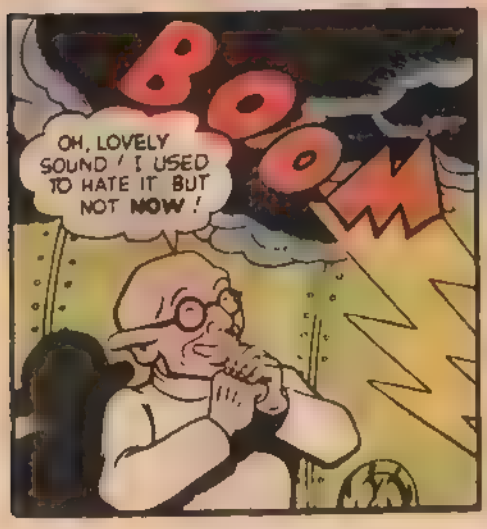


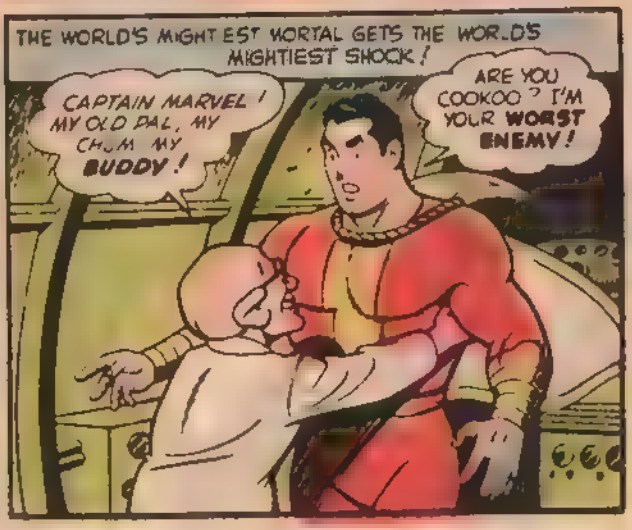

CURSES! THEY'VE GOT AS MUCH SPEED AND RANGE AS I HAVE! HOW CAN I OUTWIT THEM? THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO COULD SAVE ME NOW! I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT MY ONLY HOPE IS --- CAPTAIN MARVEL!

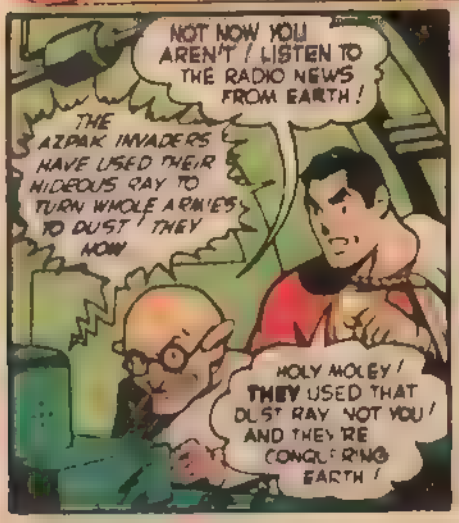


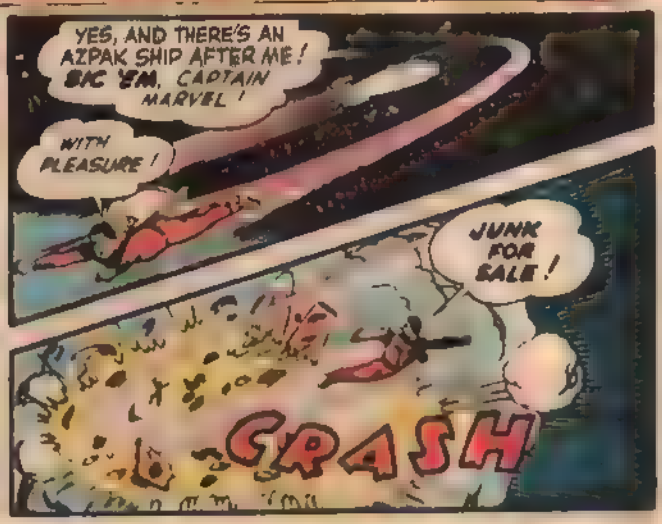


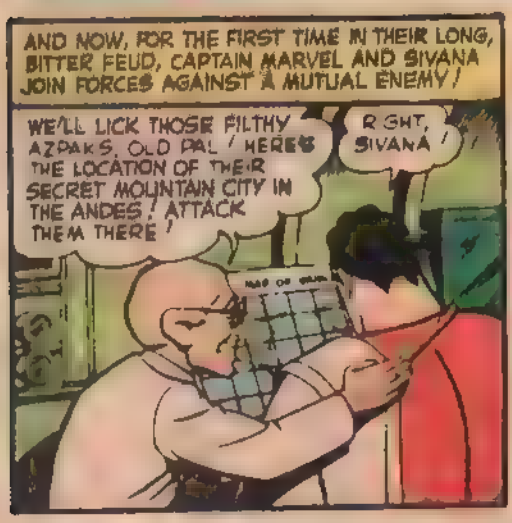





THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL GETS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST SHOCK!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! MY OLD PAL, MY CHUM MY BUDDY!
ARE YOU COOKOO? I'M YOUR WORST ENEMY!


NOT NOW YOU AREN'T ! LISTEN TO THE RADIO NEWS FROM EARTH !
THE AZPAK INVADERS HAVE USED THEIR HIDEOUS RAY TO TURN WHOLE ARMIES TO DUST ! THEY NOW
HOLY MOLEY ! THEY USED THAT DUST RAY NOT YOU ! AND THEY'RE CONQUERING EARTH !


YES, AND THERE'S AN AZPAK SHIP AFTER ME ! SIC 'EM, CAPTAIN MARVEL !
WITH PLEASURE !
JUNK FOR SALE !
CRASH


AND NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LONG, BITTER FEUD, CAPTAIN MARVEL AND SIVANA JOIN FORCES AGAINST A MUTUAL ENEMY !
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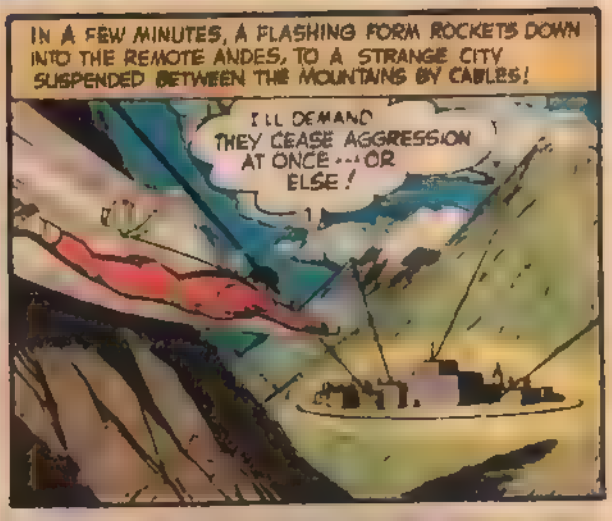
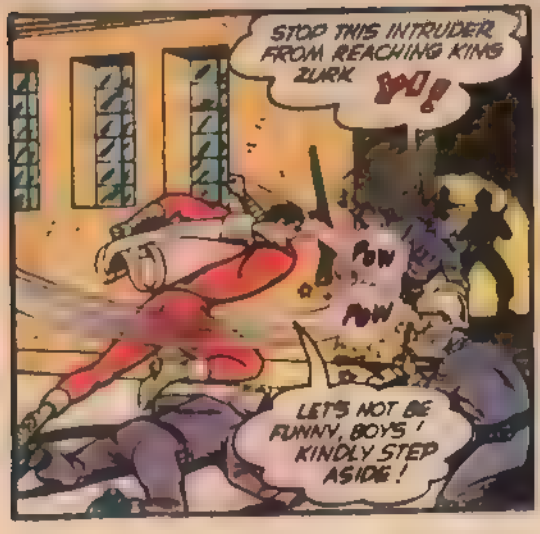
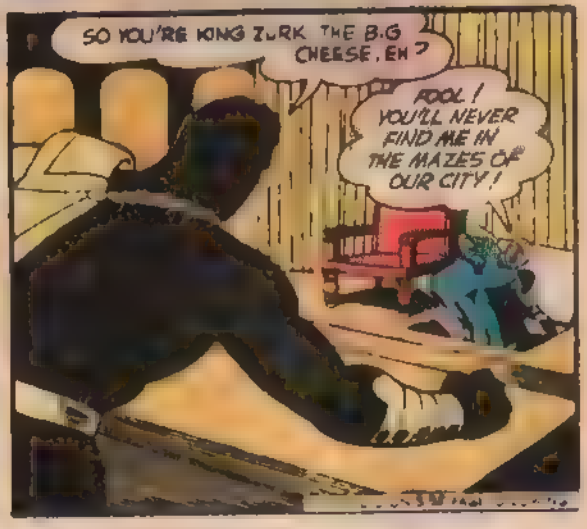
R GHT, SIVANA !


IN A FEW MINUTES, A FLASHING FORM ROCKETS DOWN INTO THE REMOTE ANDES, TO A STRANGE CITY SUSPENDED BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS BY CABLES!
I'LL DEMAND THEY CEASE AGGRESSION AT ONCE ... OR ELSE !


STOP THIS INTRUDER FROM REACHING KING ZURK
YO !
POW
POW
LET'S NOT BE FUNNY, BOYS ! KINDLY STEP ASIDE !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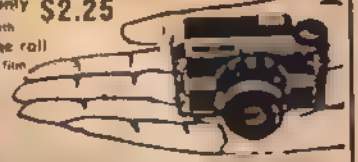

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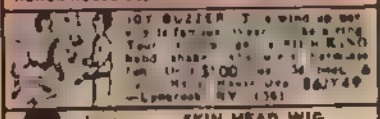

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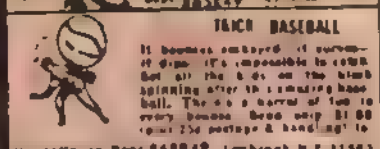

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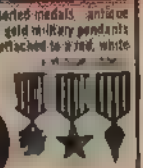

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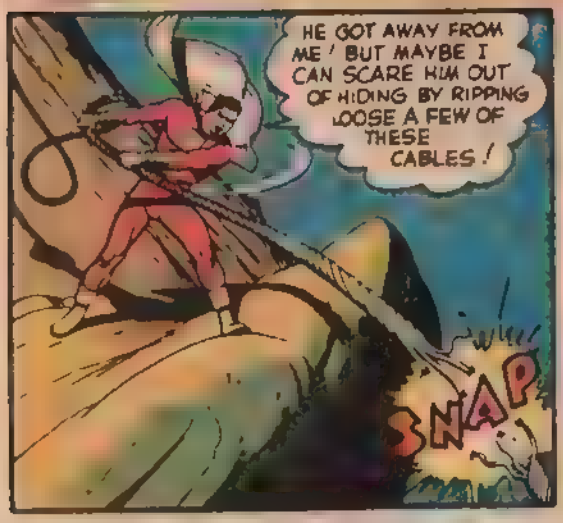
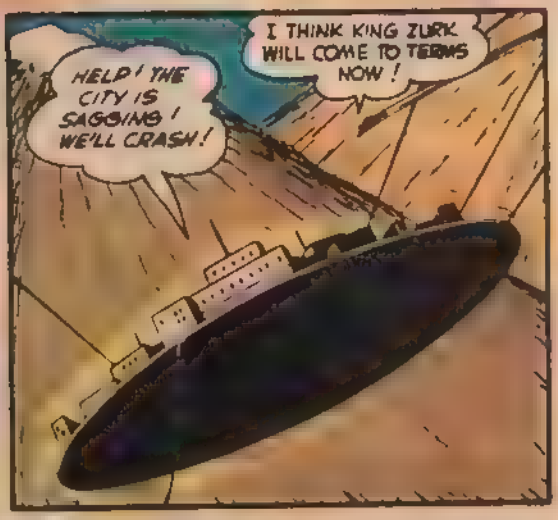
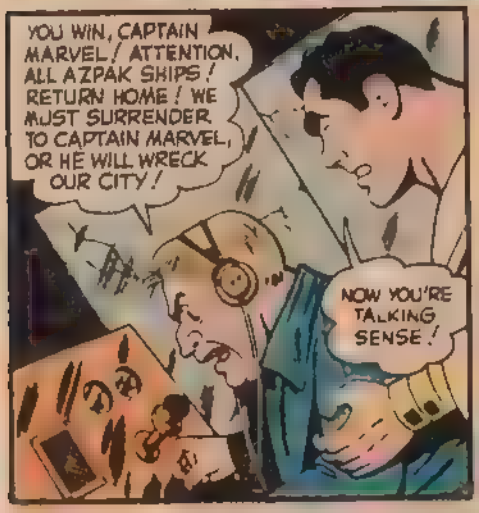
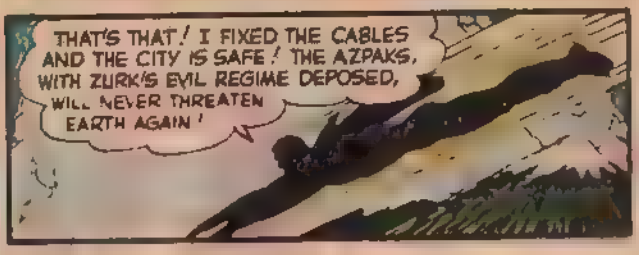
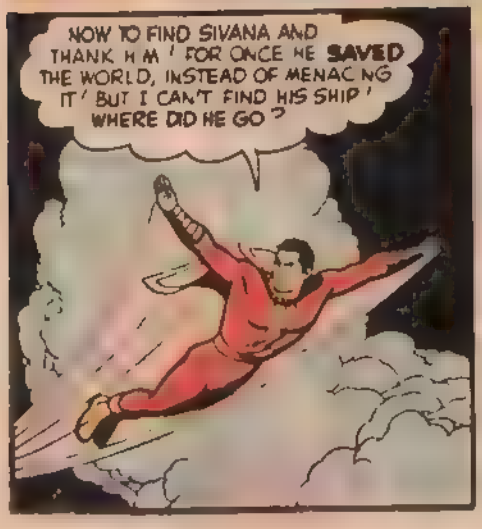
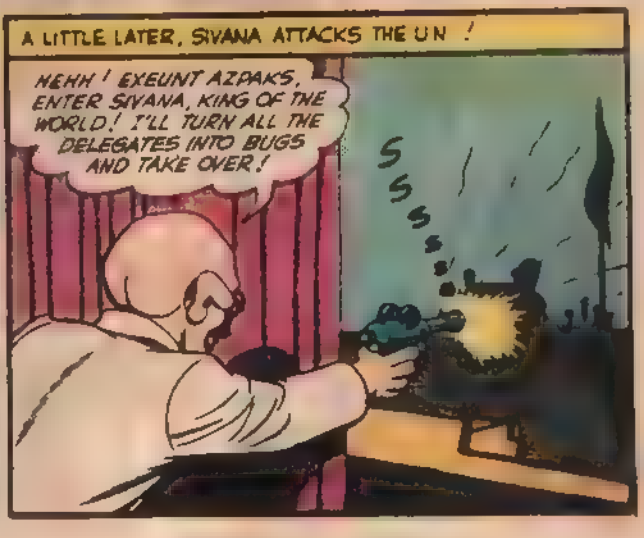





YOU WIN, CAPTAIN MARVEL! ATTENTION, ALL AZPAK SHIPS! RETURN HOME! WE MUST SURRENDER TO CAPTAIN MARVEL, OR HE WILL WRECK OUR CITY!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING SENSE!


THAT'S THAT! I FIXED THE CABLES AND THE CITY IS SAFE! THE AZPAKS, WITH ZURK'S EVIL REGIME DEPOSED, WILL NEVER THREATEN EARTH AGAIN!




A LITTLE LATER, SIVANA ATTACKS THE U.N.!
NEHH! EXEUNT AZPAKS, ENTER SIVANA, KING OF THE WORLD! I'LL TURN ALL THE DELEGATES INTO BUGS AND TAKE OVER!
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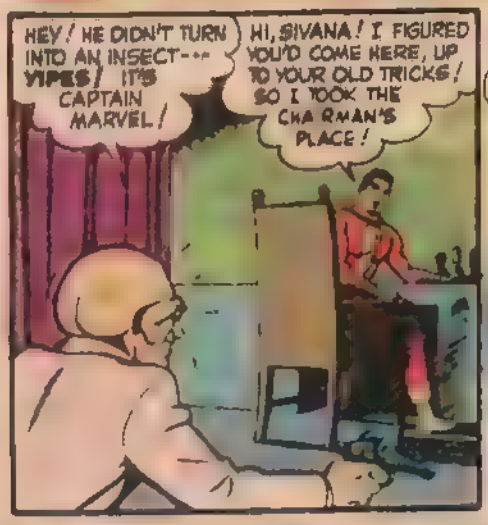
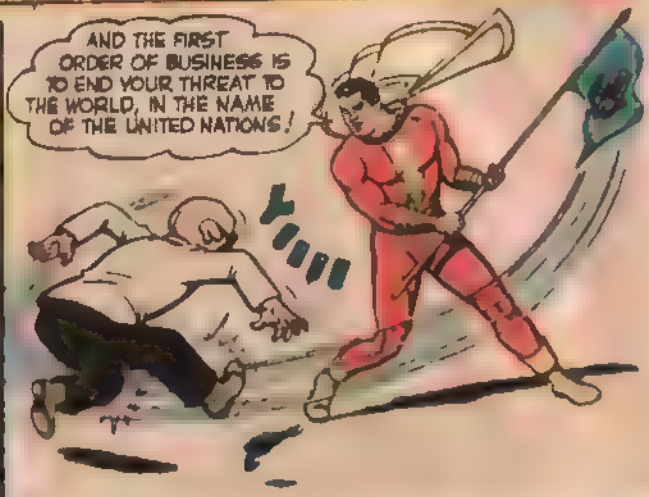
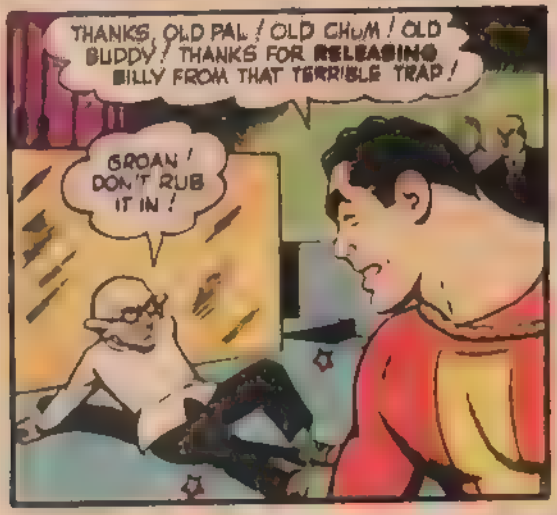
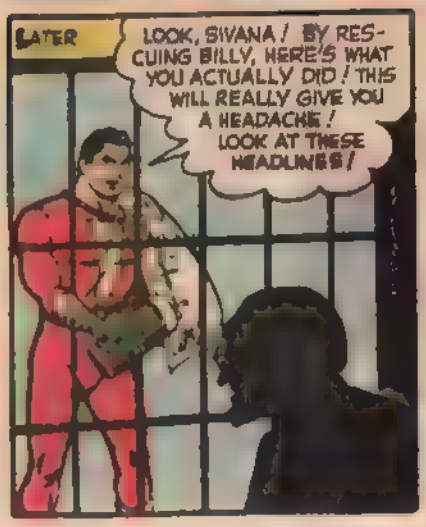

HEY! HE DIDN'T TURN INTO AN INSECT--- YIPES! IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!
HI, SIVANA! I FIGURED YOU'D COME HERE, UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS! SO I TOOK THE CHAIRMAN'S PLACE!

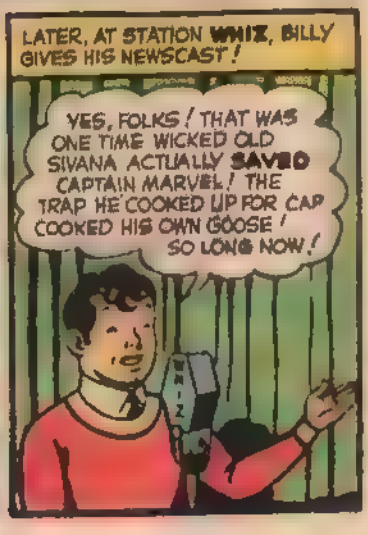

AND THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO END YOUR THREAT TO THE WORLD, IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED NATIONS!


THANKS, OLD PAL! OLD CHUM! OLD BUDDY! THANKS FOR RELEASING BILLY FROM THAT TERRIBLE TRAP!
GROAN! DON'T RUB IT IN!

YOU KNOW, SIVANA THAT WAS ONE TRAP THAT BILLY MIGHT NEVER HAVE ESCAPED FROM! FOR ONCE YOU HAD HIM OUT OF THE WAY FOREVER!
MOAN! STOP! I CAN'T STAND IT! SHUT UP, PLEASE!


LATER
LOOK, SIVANA! BY RESCUING BILLY, HERE'S WHAT YOU ACTUALLY DID! THIS WILL REALLY GIVE YOU A HEADACHE! LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES!

YEEAAAA!
TAKE IT AWAY! THIS IS TOO MUCH!
SIVANA SAVES CAPTAIN MARVEL WHO SAVES WORLD


LATER, AT STATION WHIZ, BILLY GIVES HIS NEWSCAST!
YES, FOLKS! THAT WAS ONE TIME WICKED OLD SIVANA ACTUALLY SAVED CAPTAIN MARVEL! THE TRAP HE COOKED UP FOR CAP COOKED HIS OWN GOOSE! SO LONG NOW!
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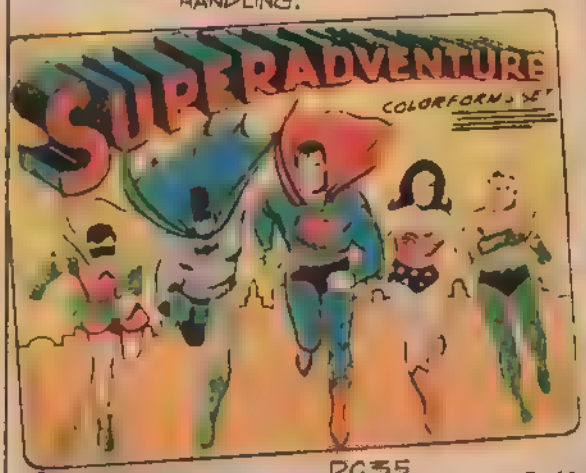

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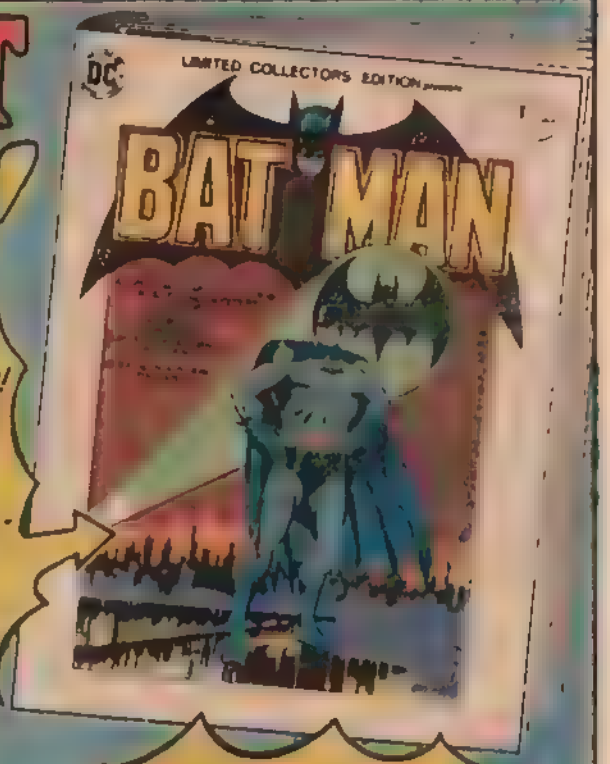

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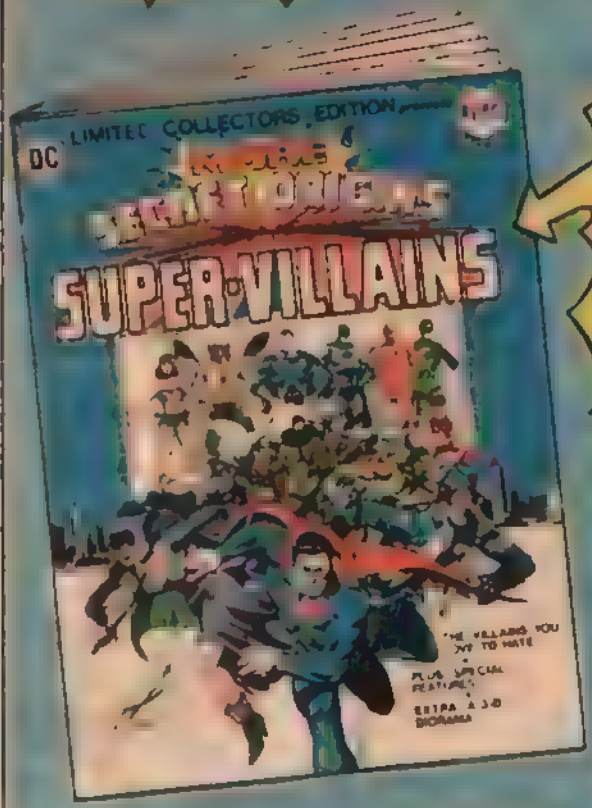

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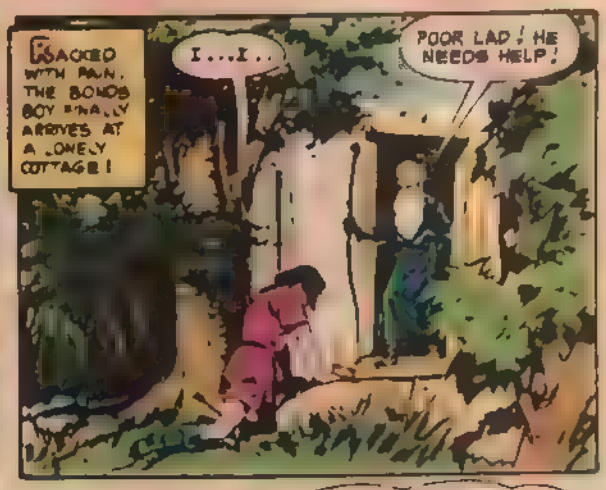
THERE HE IS, YOUR GRACE!
HO! I PUT A SHAFT THROUGH HIS LEG!

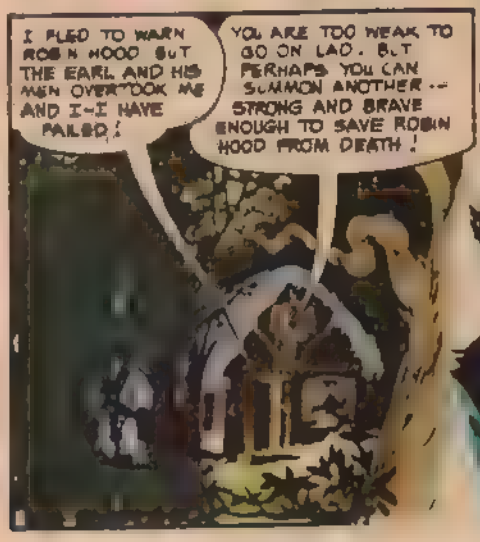
A GOOD SHOT, YOUR GRACE! BUT THE BOY ESCAPED INTO THE WOODS! SHALL WE DISMOUNT AND FOLLOW HIM?
NO NEED! IF HIS WOUND DOESN'T KILL HIM, HUNGER OR THE BEASTS OF THE FOREST WILL!


RACKED WITH PAIN, THE BONDS BOY FINALLY ARRIVES AT A LONELY COTTAGE!
I...I..
POOR LAD! HE NEEDS HELP!

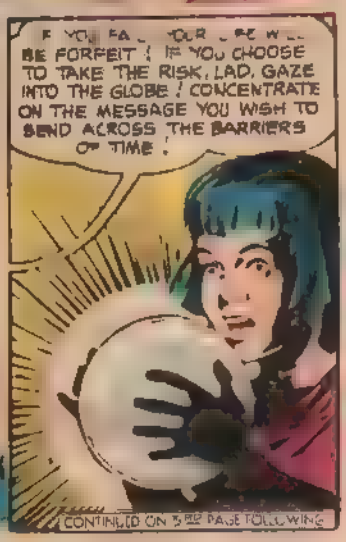
AND WHEN JOHN THE BONDSBOY RECOVERS...
I HAVE HEARD OF YOU! YOU ARE THE FOREST SORCERER!
AYE, LAD, AND MY MAGIC SALVE ALREADY HAS HEALED YOUR WOUND!

BY MAGIC ALSO, I HAVE LEARNED THAT YOU FLED FROM YOUR MASTER, THE EARL OF NOTTINGHAM, TO WARN ROBIN HOOD OF GRAVE DANGER!
THAT IS SO WISE MAN. THE EARL HAS STOLEN MONEY FROM THE FARMERS...

...AND ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MEN HAVE GONE TO GET IT BACK! BUT THE EARL KNOWS OF ROBIN HOOD'S PLAN, AND HAS LAID A TRAP TO CAPTURE HIM!


I FLED TO WARN ROBIN HOOD BUT THE EARL AND HIS MEN OVERTOOK ME AND I--I HAVE FAILED!
YOU ARE TOO WEAK TO GO ON LAD. BUT PERHAPS YOU CAN SUMMON ANOTHER... STRONG AND BRAVE ENOUGH TO SAVE ROBIN HOOD FROM DEATH!

THIS IS THE MAGIC GLOBE OF TIME. IF THROUGH ALL THE AGES, YOU CAN FIND SOMEONE ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU ASK, THE MAGIC GLOBE WILL SUMMON HIM!


IF YOU FA_ YOUR _E WI_ BE FORFEIT! IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE THE RISK, LAD, GAZE INTO THE GLOBE! CONCENTRATE ON THE MESSAGE YOU WISH TO SEND ACROSS THE BARRIERS OF TIME!
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when I planned to **retire before fifty**

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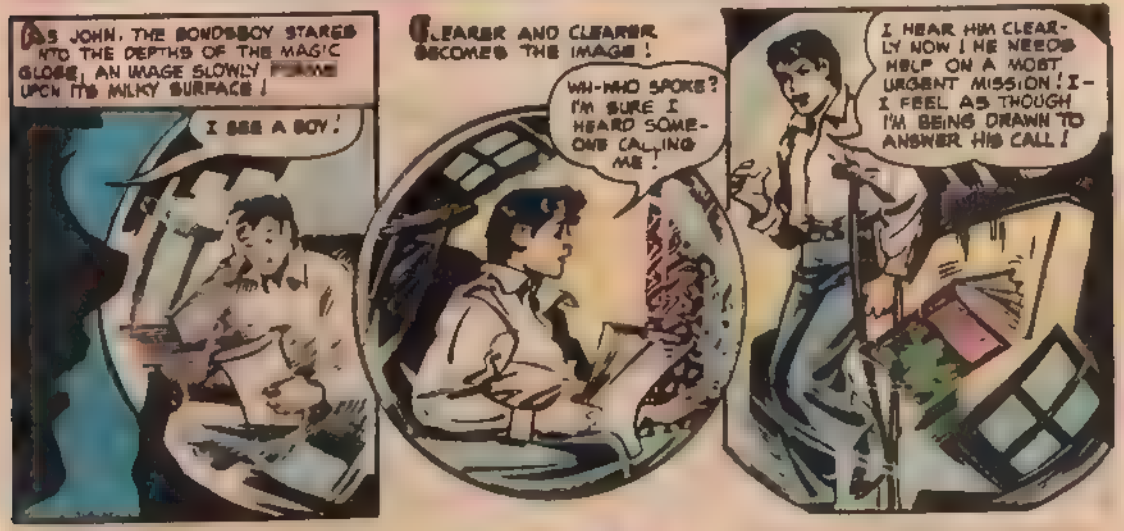
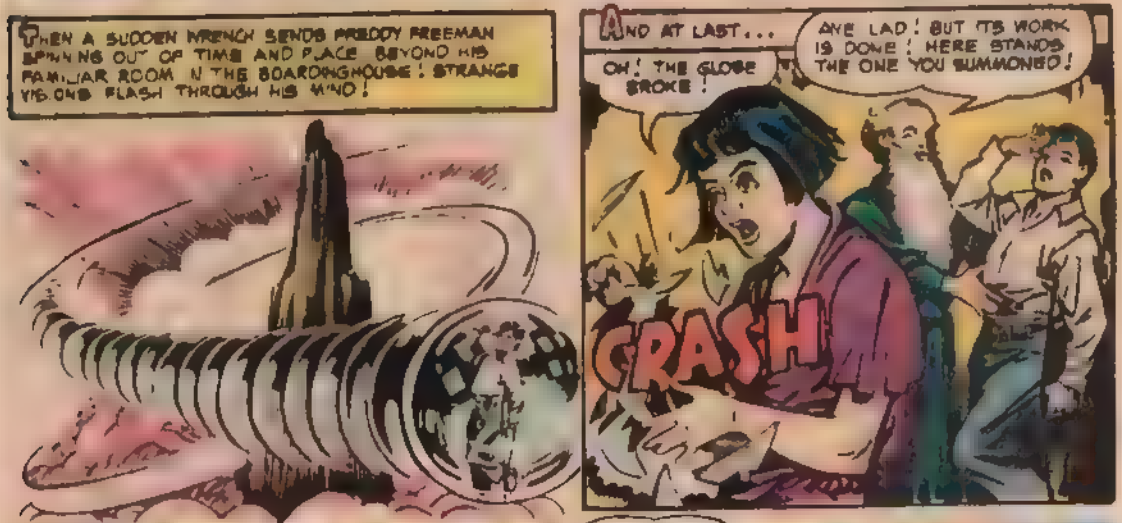
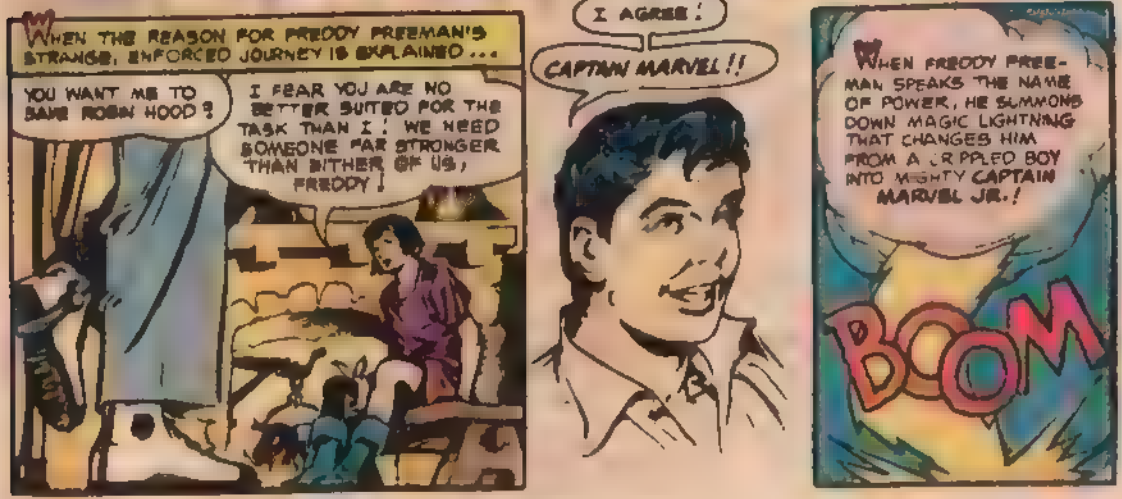
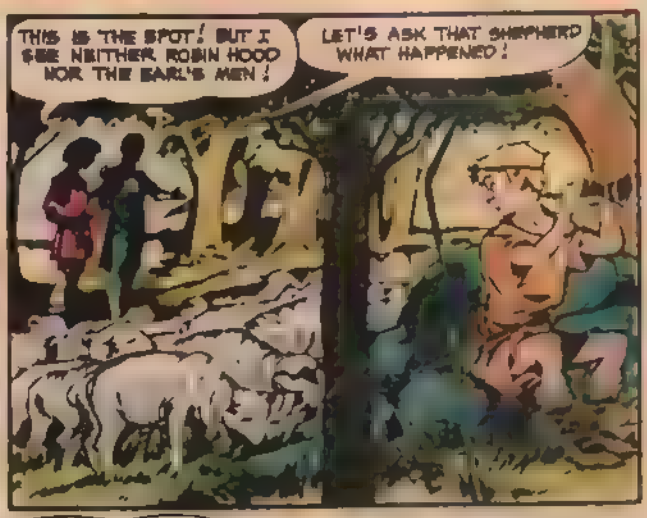
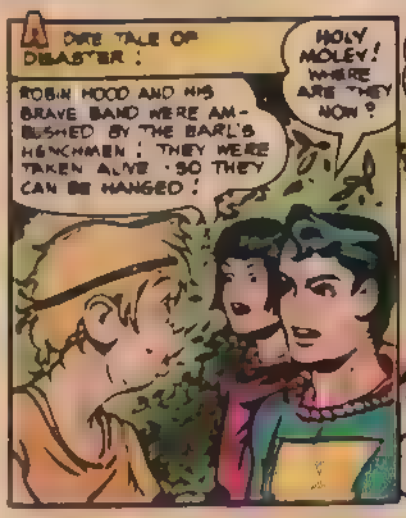

AS JOHN, THE BOOKSBOY STARES INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE MAGIC GLOBE, AN IMAGE SLOWLY FORMS UPON ITS MILKY SURFACE!
I SEE A BOY!
CLEARER AND CLEARER BECOMES THE IMAGE!
WH-WHO SPOKE? I'M SURE I HEARD SOMEONE CALLING ME!
I HEAR HIM CLEARLY NOW! HE NEEDS HELP ON A MOST URGENT MISSION! I-I FEEL AS THOUGH I'M BEING DRAWN TO ANSWER HIS CALL!


THEN A SUDDEN WRENCH SENDS FREDDY FREEMAN SPINNING OUT OF TIME AND PLACE BEYOND HIS FAMILIAR ROOM IN THE BOARDINGHOUSE! STRANGE VISIONS FLASH THROUGH HIS MIND!
AND AT LAST...
OH! THE GLOBE BROKE!
AYE LAD! BUT ITS WORK IS DONE! HERE STANDS THE ONE YOU SUMMONED!
CRASH

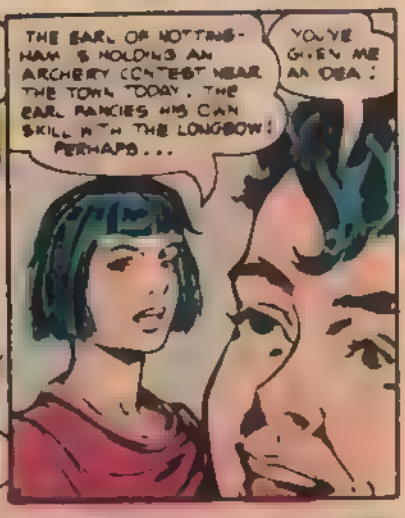

WHEN THE REASON FOR FREDDY FREEMAN'S STRANGE, ENFORCED JOURNEY IS EXPLAINED...
YOU WANT ME TO SAVE ROBIN HOOD?
I FEAR YOU ARE NO BETTER SUITED FOR THE TASK THAN I! WE NEED SOMEONE FAR STRONGER THAN EITHER OF US, FREDDY!
I AGREE!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!!
WHEN FREDDY FREEMAN SPEAKS THE NAME OF POWER, HE SUMMONS DOWN MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT CHANGES HIM FROM A CRIPPLED BOY INTO MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
BOOM

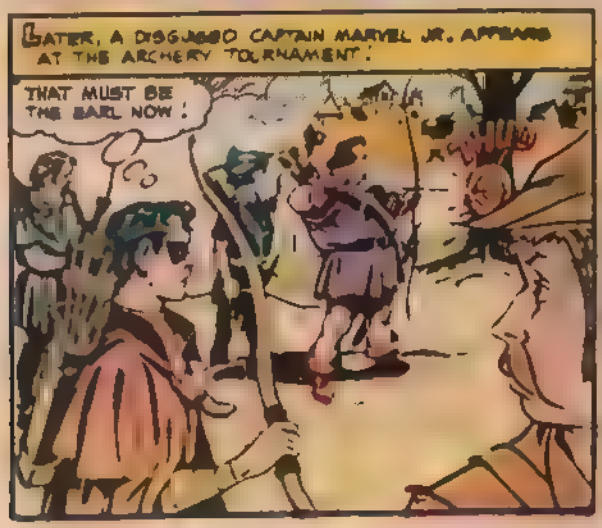
ULP! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CRIPPLED BOY?
THAT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN! WE HAVE A JOB TO DO: GUIDE ME TO WHERE ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MEN ARE IN DANGER!


THIS IS THE SPOT! BUT I SEE NEITHER ROBIN HOOD NOR THE EARL'S MEN!
LET'S ASK THAT SHEPHERD WHAT HAPPENED!


A DIRE TALE OF DISASTER:
HOLY MOLEY! WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
ROBIN HOOD AND HIS BRAVE BAND WERE AMBUSHED BY THE EARL'S HENCHMEN; THEY WERE TAKEN ALIVE - SO THEY CAN BE HANGED!

ALACK! NO ONE KNOWS! THE EARL FEARS THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD TRY TO RESCUE ROBIN HOOD IF THEY KNEW WHERE HE WAS HELD PRISONER!
WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FIND ROBIN HOOD BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

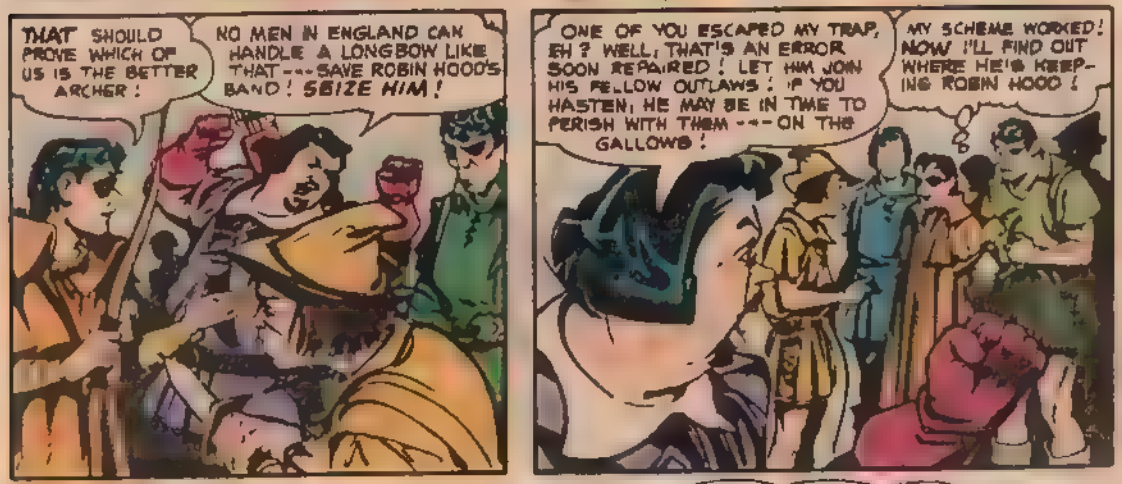

THE EARL OF NOTTINGHAM IS HOLDING AN ARCHERY CONTEST NEAR THE TOWN TODAY. THE EARL FANCIES HIS OWN SKILL WITH THE LONGBOW! PERHAPS...
YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA!

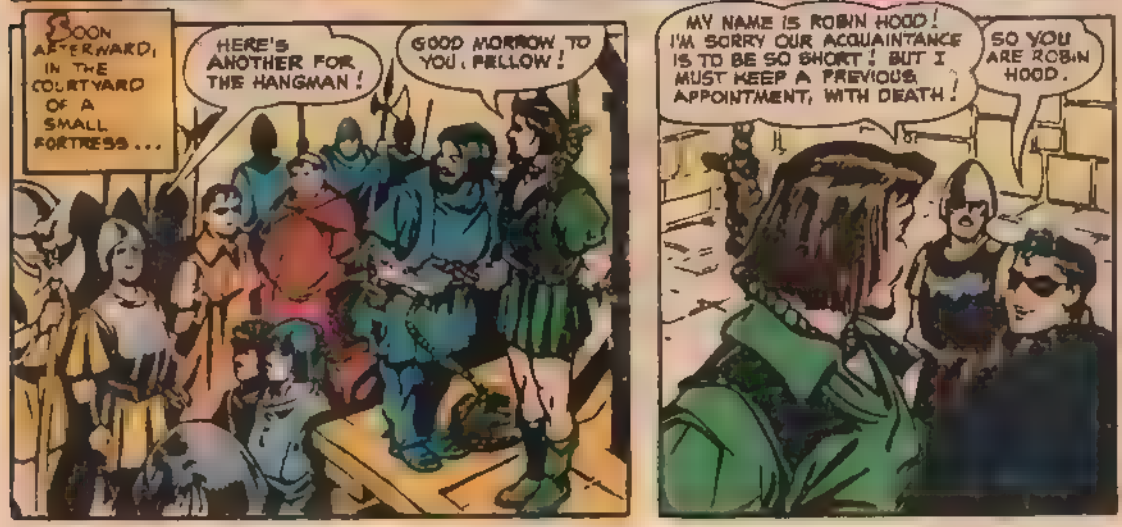

LATER, A DISGUISED CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. APPEARS AT THE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT:
THAT MUST BE THE EARL NOW!

I SPLIT THE CENTER MARK! I WIN THE TOURNAMENT!
I DON'T AGREE YOUR GRACE! I HAVE NOT YET COMPETED!

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.

EH? WHO ARE YOU? WHY DO YOU WEAR A MASK?
BECAUSE, YOUR GRACE, I DO NOT WISH MY IDENTITY KNOWN! I ONLY WISH TO SHOW THAT YOUR CLAIM TO BE THE BEST ARCHER IN THE COUNTRY IS FALSE!
BOASTFUL KNAVE! LET US SEE YOU BETTER MY LAST SHAFT! IT LIES THERE---IN THE CENTER OF THE TARGET!
I SEE IT, YOUR GRACE!
A WINGED WHISPER OF SOUND, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR'S ARROW SPLITS THE OTHER STRAIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE!
WHUNG


THAT SHOULD PROVE WHICH OF US IS THE BETTER ARCHER!
NO MEN IN ENGLAND CAN HANDLE A LONGBOW LIKE THAT---SAVE ROBIN HOOD'S BAND! SEIZE HIM!
ONE OF YOU ESCAPED MY TRAP, EH? WELL, THAT'S AN ERROR SOON REPAIRED! LET HIM JOIN HIS FELLOW OUTLAWS! IF YOU HASTEN, HE MAY BE IN TIME TO PERISH WITH THEM---ON THE GALLOWS!
MY SCHEME WORKED! NOW I'LL FIND OUT WHERE HE'S KEEPING ROBIN HOOD!


SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE COURTYARD OF A SMALL FORTRESS...
HERE'S ANOTHER FOR THE HANGMAN!
GOOD MORROW TO YOU, FELLOW!
MY NAME IS ROBIN HOOD! I'M SORRY OUR ACQUAINTANCE IS TO BE SO SHORT! BUT I MUST KEEP A PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT, WITH DEATH!
SO YOU ARE ROBIN HOOD.

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!
YOW!
PHUD
THIS IS ONE HANGING THAT ISN'T GOING TO TAKE PLACE!
OOWT!
A MOMENT LATER CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. FREES ROBIN HOOD FRIAR TUCK, LITTLE JOHN AND THE REST OF ROBIN HOOD'S BAND. TOGETHER THEY MEET THE ATTACK OF THE FORTRESS GUARDS.
BY NOW I THOUGHT I SHOULD BE DANCING ON EMPTY AIR!
THE KNAVE GOT IN THE WAY OF MY STOMACH.
WILL YOU TRADE WHACKS WITH LITTLE JOHN?
THWACK
THUD
POW
THWACK
IN SWIFT HORSES THE INTREPID FIGHTERS MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE!
YOU'VE SAVED OUR NECKS THIS DAY, LAD! BUT I FEAR WORSE CALAMITY HAS BEFALLEN!
WHAT'S THAT, ROBIN HOOD?
HE DISCOVERED WHY THE EARL STOLE MONEY FROM THE FARMERS. HE HAS USED IT TO HIRE A TROOP OF BRIGANDS - TO MURDER GOOD KING RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED!
BUT WHY?
KING RICHARD HAS BEEN AWAY AT THE CRUSADES LAD. OR HE WOULD HAVE PUNISHED THE EARL FOR HIS CRIMES LONG BEFORE THIS. ONLY RICHARD'S DEATH CAN ENABLE THE EARL TO ESCAPE HIS JUST DESERTS!
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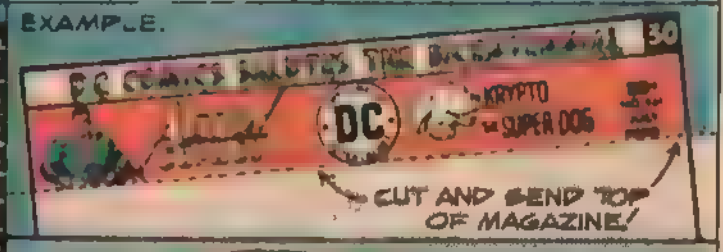

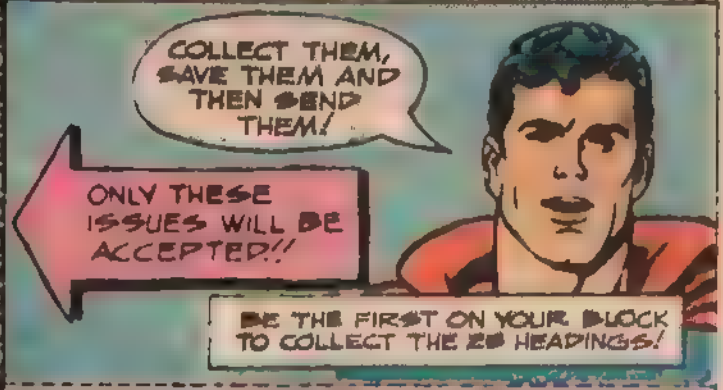
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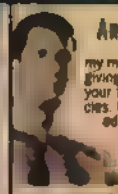

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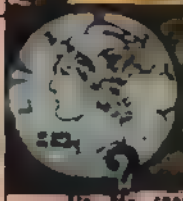

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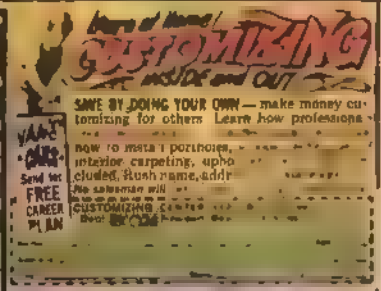

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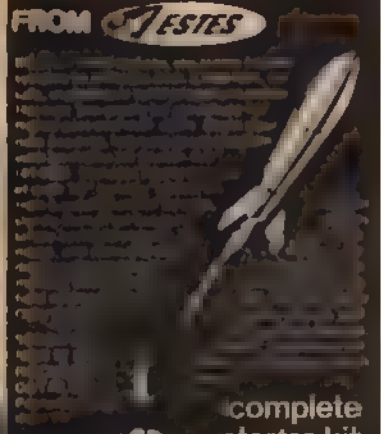

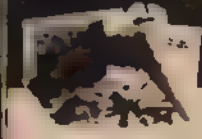

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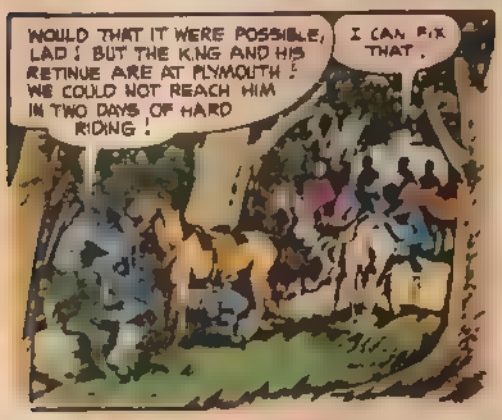
WOULD THAT IT WERE POSSIBLE, LAD! BUT THE KING AND HIS RETINUE ARE AT PLYMOUTH! WE COULD NOT REACH HIM IN TWO DAYS OF HARD RIDING!
I CAN FIX THAT.

SECONDS LATER...
AYE, LAD, BUT WHAT GOOD WILL THIS.....
GRIP MY HAND ROBIN HOOD. HOLD FAST THE REST OF YOU.
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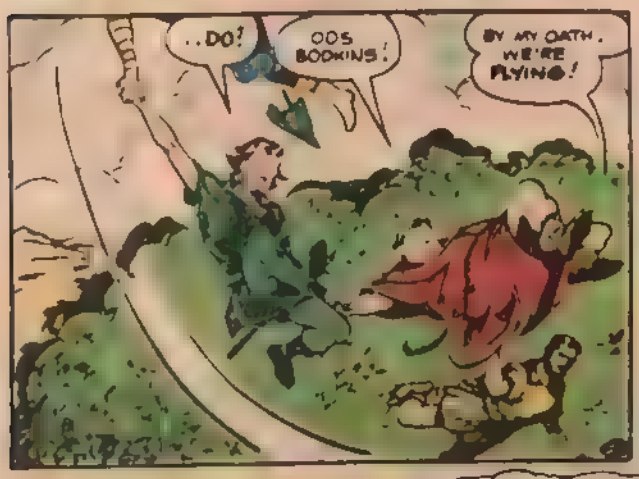
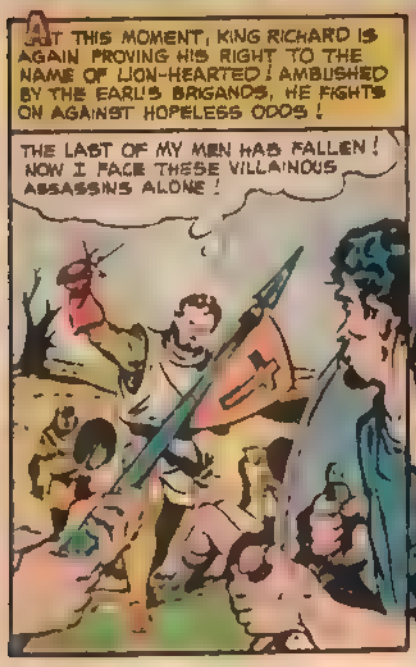
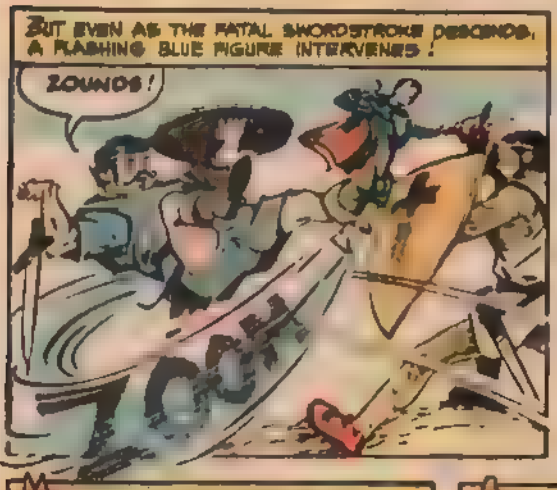

..DO!
ODS BODKINS!
BY MY OATH. WE'RE FLYING!

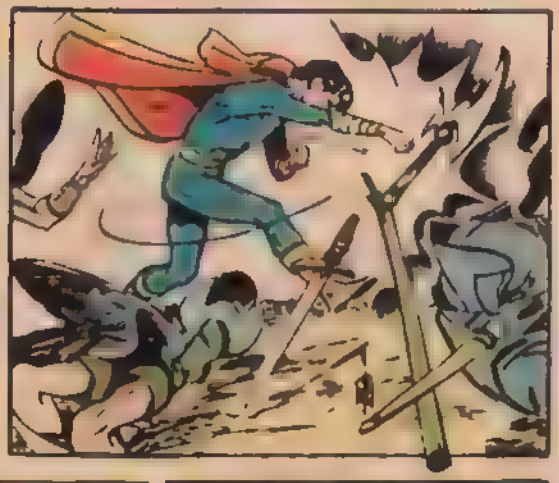
'TIS WITCHCRAFT!
MAYHAP! BUT IF IT HELPS US SAVE KING RICHARD, I'M GRATEFUL FOR IT!

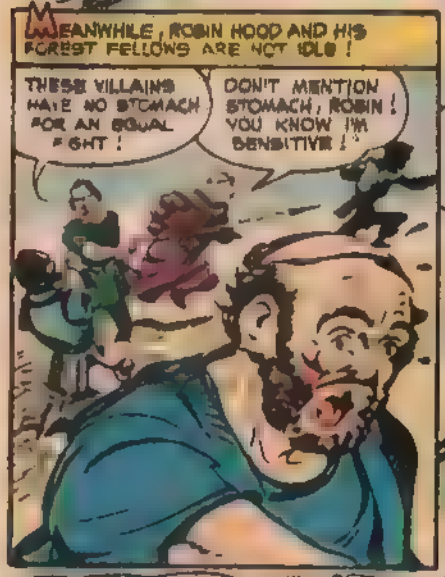

AT THIS MOMENT, KING RICHARD IS AGAIN PROVING HIS RIGHT TO THE NAME OF LION-HEARTED! AMBUSHED BY THE EARL'S BRIGANDS, HE FIGHTS ON AGAINST HOPELESS ODDS!
THE LAST OF MY MEN HAS FALLEN! NOW I FACE THESE VILLAINOUS ASSASSINS ALONE!

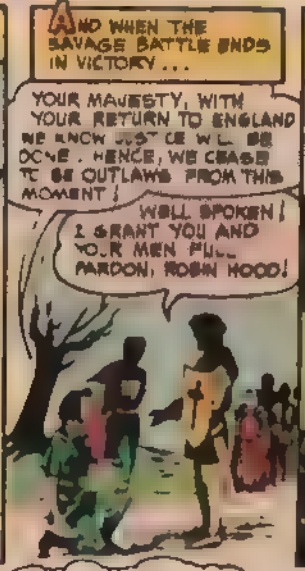
BUT THEY WON'T CUT ME DOWN EASILY!
LAY ON, YE BLACKGUARDS!
KLANG

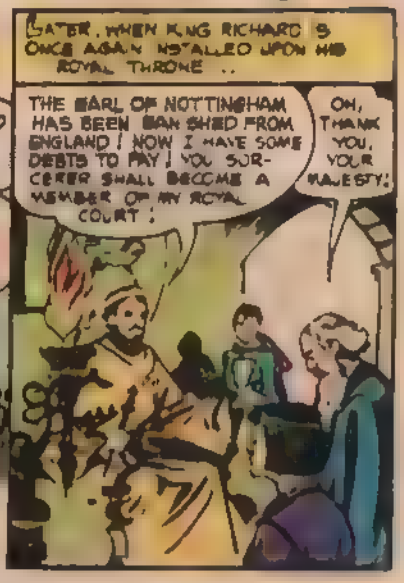
BUT...
HIS BLADE IS BROKEN!
HE'S HELPLESS! KILL HIM.


BUT EVEN AS THE FATAL SWORDSTROKE DESCENDS, A FLASHING BLUE FIGURE INTERVENES!
ZOUNDS!



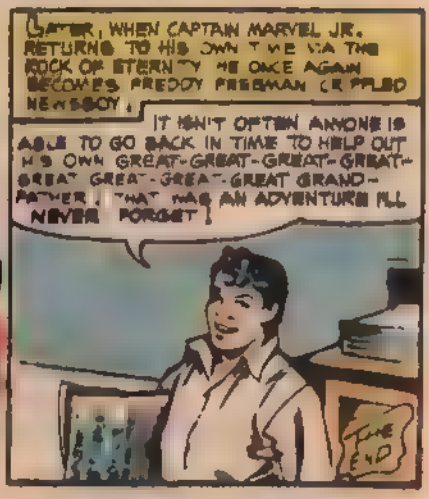

MEANWHILE, ROBIN HOOD AND HIS FOREST FELLOWS ARE NOT IDLE!
THESE VILLAINS HAVE NO STOMACH FOR AN EQUAL FIGHT!
DON'T MENTION STOMACH, ROBIN! YOU KNOW I'M SENSITIVE!


AND WHEN THE SAVAGE BATTLE ENDS IN VICTORY...
YOUR MAJESTY, WITH YOUR RETURN TO ENGLAND WE KNOW JUSTICE WILL BE DONE. HENCE, WE CEASE TO BE OUTLAWS FROM THIS MOMENT!
WELL SPOKEN! I GRANT YOU AND YOUR MEN FULL PARDON, ROBIN HOOD!


LATER, WHEN KING RICHARD IS ONCE AGAIN INSTALLED UPON HIS ROYAL THRONE..
THE EARL OF NOTTINGHAM HAS BEEN BANISHED FROM ENGLAND! NOW I HAVE SOME DEBTS TO PAY! YOU SORCERER SHALL BECOME A MEMBER OF MY ROYAL COURT!
OH, THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!

AND YOU---BONDSBOY. HENCEFORWARD YOU ARE FREE FROM BONDAGE! LET ALL MEN KNOW THIS, AND CALL YOU FREE MAN!
FREE MAN. HOW--- FREEMAN! THAT'S FREDDY'S LAST NAME. HE MUST BE FREDDY'S ANCESTOR!

HOLY MOLEY! THAT EXPLAINS WHY HIS MESSAGE FOR HELP CAME TO FREDDY---HIS OWN DESCENDANT! I'VE BEEN PRESENT AT THE OFFICIAL CHRISTENING OF THE FREEMAN FAMILY!


LATER, WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. RETURNS TO HIS OWN TIME VIA THE ROCK OF ETERNITY HE ONCE AGAIN BECOMES FREDDY FREEMAN OR FPLBD NEWSBOY!
IT WON'T OFTEN ANYONE IS ABLE TO GO BACK IN TIME TO HELP OUT HIS OWN GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER! THAT WAS AN ADVENTURE I'LL NEVER FORGET!
THE END

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Dear Nellie (That's a new one!):

Time for some more criticism. The latest two issues of **Shazam** show a marked improvement over the issues with new tales, for the most part. #22's stories were quite good, especially the lead **Captain Marvel** tale, displaying as it did the skillful use of narration to enhance an otherwise ordinary tale (except that this story could probably have stood well on its own, anyway). **King Kull** isn't one of my favorites, and I am anti-UN, so I thought at first I wouldn't like the story; but it was not an apology for the UN, nor did **Kull** appear that much, so it was quite good, and amusing in spots, thanks to the narration. The Schaffenberger cover was appreciated, as was the one-page feature by him. More, please!

John Pierce, Columbus, Ohio

(That feature by Schaffenberger was made up of panels from three different stories — including one by George Papp! So it was only 5/6 Schaff. As for "Nellie" being "a new one" — if your name was Nelson, you'd know different! — E.N.B.)

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Dear (?) Ed:

Now you've done it! This is my first letter to **National**, and you deserve it! **Shazam** 22's letter column showed exactly why you are **completely** ruining the **Captain Marvel** legend! **Cap** is **not** a grown-up version of Billy! **Cap** is an entirely different body in which Billy's mind, combined with the wisdom of **Solomon**, is transported! Take, for instance, the way **Captain Marvel** responds emotionally. His are the responses of an adolescent boy, exactly the way a child like Billy would react.

If you want to see a grown-up version of Billy, check out **Shazam** #3. C.C. Beck knew what he was doing when he drew Billy as an adult to look different from **Captain Marvel**. One of my personal beliefs is that the way **Cap** looks is the way old **Shazam** looked in his youth.

Next time you write a letter column, try reading some of the fine **CM** stories from the '40's. They were **good!**

Douglas Rociti, Wheeling, W. Va.

(You don't have to convince me — I grew up on 'em. And I still hold that CAP is physically a grown-up version of Billy, albeit an idealized one. Compare C.C.'s adult Billy with Cap. The hair is only slightly different; Billy's eyebrows are a little thinner; and CAP is a bit beefier. Otherwise, they're alike. But as for CAP looking like a young SHAZAM — impossible! Compare their noses. — E.N.B.)

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Dear Mr. Bridwell:

I'm disappointed **Shazam** is all reprint now. I'd rather see new stories, even though the newer ones are incredibly cute.

The older stories were supposed to be in the real world (until **Mr. Tawny** came around). But a world populated with talking tigers and criminals suffering from terminal cuteness is enough to stagger the imagination.

But I guess I'm getting a little carried away. I like **Shazam** (or why would I have every issue but #21?).

Erik Smith, Spokane, Wash.

(What I'm wondering is why you don't have #21?! — E. NELSON BRIDWELL)

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